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NATIONAL RESISTANCE OF THE STUDENTS OF EAST TIMOR
RENETIL

1. Introduction

Defending the unalienable rights of the Maubere People is a sacred duty for all the sons and daughters of Maubere People to be carried out boldly, selflessly and relentlessly.

The students and young people of East Timor as an integral part of the Maubere People have the duty in this difficult stage of the history os East Timor to play their role as the front line of the struggle to achieve liberty and freedom for the nation - land and state - of East Timor.

In carrying out this sacred duty to the nation and state on 20 June 1988 the students of East Timor formally and legally established the Resistência Nacional dos Estudantes de Timor Leste, RENETIL, (National Resistance of the Students of East Timor) and later reviewed its constitution in the National Conference of East Timorese students on 20 May 1990.

RENETIL was founded on the initiative of students sent by indonesian government to study outside East Timor, in other parts of Indonesia. The indonesian government used this strategy to influence the youth of East Timor to accept and absorb the culture, politics and ideology of the indonesian govenment. Thus the historic founding of RENETIL is a counter strategy in direct response to the indonesian government.

2. Character, Nature and Scope

Character: RENETIL is a nationalist and patriotic organization which struggles for the liberty of the Maubere People and full and complete freedom of East Timor;

Nature: RENETIL is an organization which operates in semi-clandestine environment, realistically and invisibly;

Scope: RENETIL includes all nationalist and patriotic East timorese students wherever they are. That is, inclusion is not limited by geographical boundaries.

Fernando de Araujo
Leader of RENETIL,
now a political prisoner
in Cipinang, Jakarta

3. The principles of RENETIL

RENETIL is a democratic organization which united all the Nationalist students of East Timor to fight for the national independence whithout distinction of race, creed, sex, social status and ideological tendency;

RENETIL is an organization without afiliation to any of the political parties of East Timor. However, independently, each of its members can choose and maintain its option of any political party without representing it in RENETIL;

RENETIL defends and cooperates with all the nationalist and patriotic organizations which fight for the National Independece of East Timor;

RENETIL defends and cooperates with the Catholic Church of East Timor as long as it speaks out the profound aspirations of the People of East Timor and be the interpreter of uncomprimising hightest interests of the homeland and Nation of East Timor;

RENETIL only recognizes one National Command of the Struggle, set up inside the country to which RENETIL afirms its absolute submission and unconditional fidelity

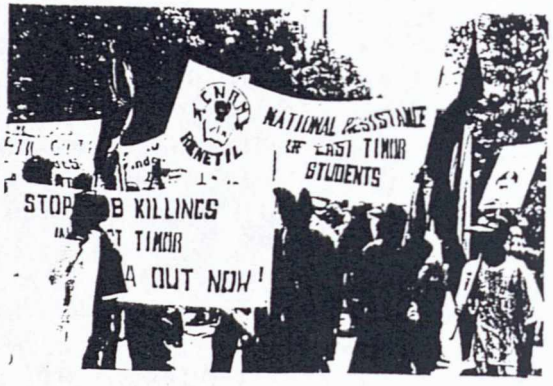
4. Guidelines and general polices

RENETIL struggles to isolate all East timorese from the ideological, political, economic and socio-cultural

influences imposed by the fascist-militarist indonesian government and its oppresive and coercive agents;

RENETIL develops political activities of international resonance with the aim of denouncing all the crimes perpetrated by the Indonesian government against the Heroic and Glorious People of East Timor and od removing the presence of the agressors from the country.

RENETIL embraces the task of preparing professionals with revolutionary consciousness to continue the Struggle for the Freedom of the Maubere People through the National Reconstruction of East Timor.



5. When was RENETIL formed?

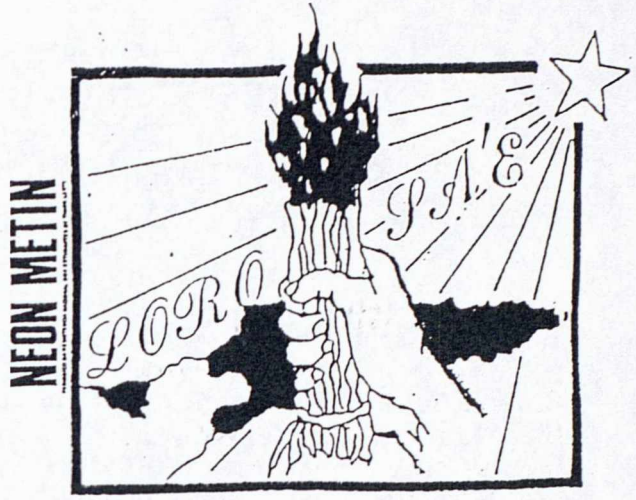
RENETIL had its beginning in 1986 with the activities of students sent to Indonesia by the government such as Fernando de Araujo alias Lasama who is now in prison in Cipinang, Jakarta. But formally and legally the existence of RENETIL was acknowledged by the forces of the national Resistance (CNRM) on 20th June 1988 when it could be seen that the strenght of students and youth was very important.

6. EXTERNAL DELEGATION OF RENETIL

RENETIL has its external delegation with its headquarter in Lisbon, Portugal. It was set up by its 29 members soon after their arrival in Portugal in December 1994 after their magnificent action by sitting in the USA embassy in Jacarta in November 12th, 1994 to call the international attention to the question of East Timor. Now RENETIL has its committee in Australia and in Netherland.Hopping that in the next future RENETIL will open its agency in other countries.

7. Publications of RENETIL

The vehicles of information published by RENETIL include *"Neon Metin"* (in Portuguese), *"Loriku Lian"* (in Tetum) and *"Larigutu"* (in Indonesia). All these three newsletters are periodic publications with the aim of informing and mobilising timorese students to actively work for national resistance.



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